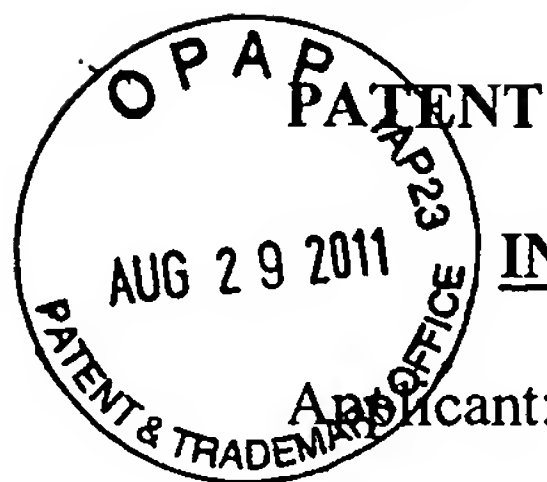


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This response is filed in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on February 23, 2011 in connection with the above-identified application. The deadline for filing a response to the Final Office Action expired on May 23, 2011. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). With the extension, the period set to reply to the Office Action expires on August 23, 2011 and thus this reply is timely filed. Applicants also concurrently file a Request for a Continued Application (RCE) Applicant authorizes the Patent Office to charge all fees for this filing to Kalow & Springut Deposit Account No. 11-0171. Therefore this amendment is timely filed.

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